GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SEX DETERMINATION TESTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that sex determination tests are being conducted by Doctors at several medical centres/hospitals illegally in the country; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir,Sex determination techniques have been in use in India since 1975 primarily for the determination of genetic abnormalities.However, these techniques were widely misused to determine the sex of the foetus and subsequent abortions if the foetus was found to be female.

Under PC & PNDT Act, Provision for registering online complaints about the Doctor/Clinics done sex selection /determination has been made on the Website www.pndt.gov.in.Some Complaints received in this software are forwarded to the concern states.

A National Inspection and monitoring Committee (NISMC) has been constituted at the centre to take stock of the ground realities by field visits.During the 2006-08,the Committee has visited of states of Delhi,Haryana,Mahrashtra,U.P.,Rajsthan,Orissa Karnatka,Himachal,Uttranchal and Punjab.Inspection team has found some instance of sex determination being done illegally.